

Charlestown December 4<sup>th</sup>. 1779.

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the state of my wound, and the actual impotency  
of my leg, is an indifference to the wish that I have to  
stay for the next campaigne, thereupon, I found, I most  
remove from this country where the climat is not  
convenient to the recovery of my health, and yet left to  
the welfare of my personal affaires — These considera-  
tions constrained me to desire your excellency would be pleased  
to give me leave to go to the west Indies where I could  
better provide for both

The misfortunes of my last voyage to St Augustine  
especially when stripped of whatever I was possessed of  
by the Dolphin a privateer Capt Loydwood, had such ill  
consequence that I now of am in the very same  
circumstances I was in when I reached our army in  
conjunction with Count Wigting before Havana, for  
indeed since my return here, the state of my  
affaires could not be repaired, the want of money  
by the discredit of jointly to the immoderate worth of  
ware being the cause of it. I thought of petitioning  
this government for an indemnity, but my being in  
the continental service has been objected to my intended  
demands, so that I am forced to make my address to your  
excellency to obtain an advance of money, together with  
the faculty of receiving from the continental stores  
what commodities I stand in need of, for indeed,  
a shirt and a pauper clothe is all I have, and  
without

to his excellency General Lincoln

without coming to a tedious enumeration of my needs  
of every sort, I beg leave to mention particularly  
only, my horses ————— at the time when  
I was in Georgia, the quarter master put away  
my horse from the stable to find it in a grape  
vine where it was turned out, this the second that  
I have lost since my arrival in Charlestown,  
the other starved to the death with hunger, for  
all that I have furnished my self by subsistence  
during two months in the continental stable, on that  
account a loss of more 140 dollars; I entreat your  
excellency to cause my two horses to be restituted  
to me, and you for one continental for a private  
and also to grant me an order where with I  
may take in the continental storey and office  
every necessary supplies for an invalid traveller, just  
as you will be please to fix, considering the  
urgency of the case, urgency without which never  
I would have interrupted your excellency, were we  
in other times I should have no occasion for such  
claim but the depreciation of our currency compell  
me to ask for a supply such as it is provided in  
favour of those who are in such case as me

I am  
with the most profound respect  
your Excellency

your most humble  
obedient servant

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his Excellency General Lincoln  
Commanding in chief <sup>the</sup> Southern  
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All your  
affectionate son

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